

VILLA OCCUPIES CHIHUAHUA CITY

Enters in Triumph 19 Years after He Fled as a Fugitive from Justice.

HAS BEEN A LEADER 5 MONTHS

Remarkable Flight of Refugees Ends at American Boundary after Eight Days of Frenzy.

Junco, Mexico, Dec. 8.—Assuming military command over a large area of northern Mexico through the defeat and flight of federal troops Gen. Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, today formally occupied Chihuahua, the State capital, evacuated by General Merced eight days ago, according to an official report received here.

General Villa received what he called the surrender of the city from Federico Mayo, who was appointed civil governor after the flight of General Merced. So far as an assurance went Villa's arrival in the city made no immediate change for General Chum, another rebel leader with several thousand men, already had been in the city.

Nineteen years ago Villa fled as a fugitive from the city which he entered in triumph today. He had been ordered arrested on a warrant charging him with having killed an army officer. He was henceforth hunted as a bandit. His brief career as a leader after he had served in Mexico's revolution, began five months ago with a borrowed revolver.

While he will be engaged in guarding his communication with Juarez against a possible attack, Villa said he would lose no time in preparing for his proposed campaign southward which, he said, would extend to the City of Mexico.

FRANCIS FLIGHT TO BORDER

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 8.—The complete rout of Huerta's federal army in northern Mexico with the frantic flight of his generals for safety to the border and the demoralization of the unpaid troops was established with the arrival today at Ojinaga, Mexico, opposite Presidio, of the civilians and soldiers who deserted Chihuahua City.

In the remarkable flight, in which the refugees struggled for eight days over an 185-mile trail through the desert and endured great hardships for want of food and water, were Gen. Salvador Merced, Huerta's deposed military governor and commander of the federal troops in the north, Gen. Pascual Orozco, Gen. Antonio Rojas, Gen. Marcelino Caraveo, Gen. Ynez Salazar and a host of subordinate officers. They had deserted their posts in fear of Gen. Francisco Villa's rebel army and virtually had surrendered to the rebels in Chihuahua, the State capital, and the largest of the far northern cities.

Along with them came, burdened with what property they could carry, men, women and children, representing some of the richest families in the republic. The flight with the army was in the face of reports that they might expect no mercy should they fall into the hands of the rebels. Luis Terrazas, a wealthy land owner, reputed to own half of the State of Chihuahua, was said to have brought with him a car full of cash, feeling it might be seized by the rebels if he remained in the evacuated city.

Witnesses viewing the coming throng from the hills at Ojinaga reported the refugees were scattered in a thin line for several miles into the interior and that the dusty confusion of broken-down wagons, disabled artillery and mingling of disheathered soldiers and famished civilians, as they slowly moved over the desert, presented a spectacle of universal despair.

The fear of being unable to keep pace with the deserting army, of being lost on the desert or caught by the rebels, added to the misery of so precipitate a flight, had kept the refugees in almost a continuous frenzy. Their arrival in panic, hurriedly by the rebels, formed one of the most tragic incidents of the present revolution.

Many who had started out in vehicles later marched on foot, scores who attempted to carry their treasures had to abandon them through sheer weariness, as their tracks were literally strewn with discarded impedimenta, clothing, bric-a-brac and valued trinkets, which they had hoped to carry to safety. Behind them they left the blackened ashes of campfires, marking at eight stages on the trip the eight nights where they had camped, sometimes in a cold wind blowing off the high plateau and often within the howls of the howling coyotes. The traveling in the day was sometimes through sandstorms. It was impossible to estimate the number of refugees, but observers said they would total several thousand.

The civilian refugees began to cross to the American side late tonight. Automobiles were in readiness to take them to Marfa.

On information that the federal troops also might attempt to cross, all the United States cavalry at Marfa and nearby border points came to Presidio, but none of the federal came over. The federal army was in communication with Mexico City tonight.

CENTRAL VERMONT CAR PLUNGES INTO THAMES

Waterford, Conn., Dec. 9.—Central Vermont railway train No. 12, from Willimantic to New London, was derailed just north of the railroad bridge here tonight, about eight o'clock. One of the coaches plunged into the Thames river. There were only three persons in this coach and the train crew rescued them apparently none the worse for their experience. A broken rail is said to have caused the accident.

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KNOWN DEAD IN TEXAS FLOOD 150

Four-Fifths of Them Negro Farmhands—Several Thousand Refugees Marooned.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 8.—The number of known dead in the flood which has spread over the lowlands in half a dozen counties in south central Texas reached 150 tonight, with several thousand refugees marooned in half-flooded cotton gins and dwellings, safe from the water for the time being but suffering from hunger and exposure. Four-fifths of the dead were negro farmhands as are that proportion of the marooned.

The greater number lost their lives in the vicinity of Bryan where a 20-mile stretch of levee along the Brazos river crumbled. The Brazos crest tonight destroyed a dam near Richmond and flooded a State prison farm. The prisoners had been removed.

Hempstead in Waller county, from which reports up to tonight had been made, reported 20 drowned and others missing. Reports from half a dozen other small towns in Waller and adjoining counties advanced the total fatalities to 150. In all the San Felipe section of Austin county received a shipment of motor boats from Houston today and several hundred refugees were moved to safety.

The great dangers tonight were freezing and starvation. For the second successive night ice was forecasted over the 20-mile district about Bryan, where 1,800 persons, mostly negroes, are marooned with little food or fire.

Urgent appeals for blankets and food were received from all over the stricken district from central Texas almost to the coast.

Texas cities today responded liberally to appeals for money and supplies. Houston raising \$5,000 in cash.

The crest of the Brazos flood was estimated tonight to be some 60 feet below Hempstead about 5 miles from the mouth of the river. The crest of the flood in the Colorado river is passing into the gulf tonight.

VERMONT NOTES.

Bosworth's Counsel Ask Governor Fletcher for a Reprieve.

With but 25 days intervening before the date set for the execution of Arthur E. Bosworth, who shot and killed Max Labelle at the railroad station at Essex Junction, in May, 1911, counsel for the man have instituted proceedings calculated to delay the carrying out of the sentence. A petition for the reprieve of Bosworth, sentenced to hang January 4, has been sent to Governor Fletcher by Frank H. Clark of Windsor and Roland E. Stevens of White River Junction. The petition was dated December 6 and it is expected that Governor Fletcher will give an early answer.

SEEKS \$500 FOR TRESPASS.

A suit for \$500 damages for an alleged trespass has been brought by Nancy R. Price of Middlesex against Angelo Cordini of Barre. The plaintiff alleges that Cordini, claiming to be a resident of Barre, entered upon her land on June 1 and other dates broke into a certain close belonging to the plaintiff in Barre and left there large quantities of rock, stone, earth, wood and other material.

VERMONT BRIEVES.

Over 60 Knights of Columbus witnessed the conferring of the third degree on candidates at Fair Haven Sunday afternoon. Nearly every county in Vermont was represented.

E. J. Hall secured a verdict of \$50 in his suit against C. P. Gorman of Bennington to recover a commission for two recent real estate sales. The case may be taken to a higher court.

The day began at Rutland at 10 o'clock. The day began at Rutland at 10 o'clock. The day began at Rutland at 10 o'clock.

GOVERNOR TENER ACCEPTS

Elected President of National League at \$25,000 a Year.

New York, Dec. 9.—John K. Tener, Governor of Pennsylvania, was this afternoon elected president of the National League of professional baseball clubs to succeed Thomas J. Lynch. Before electing a president, the magnates voted unanimously to change the term from one to four years.

There was no dissenting voice in the election of Governor Tener, who will succeed Charles F. Bennett as president of the league in 1915. The expiration of his term in January, 1915, William F. Baker, president of the Philadelphia club, nominated the governor, alluding to Mr. Tener's days as a professional baseball player and his record in public life. Ebbers and Dreyfuss seconded the nomination. It is understood that Tener's salary will be \$25,000 a year.

With the election of Governor Tener the meeting adjourned until noon tomorrow. It was announced that Governor Tener would be on hand at tomorrow's meeting. John A. Heydler was re-elected secretary for two years. A new board of directors was chosen as follows: August Herrmann of Cincinnati, Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh, Charles H. Ebbets of Brooklyn, Harry Hempstead of New York and Charles W. Murphy of Chicago.

Except for the selection of the new president, all the important problems which confront the National League went over until tomorrow.

SEIZING OPPORTUNITY.

"How did you come to marry the lady who is now your wife?"

"It was very romantic. We were out skating. She went to a place where the ice was thin and broke in. I rescued her after a terrible struggle. Poor girl, she was nearly frozen before we got home, but I proposed to her on the way."

"For heaven's sake! Do you mean to say that you made a declaration of love to a girl who was soaked and icy and uncomfortable? You had your nerve, I must say."

"Maybe, but there's nothing like striking while the iron is hot!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

WILLING TO OBLIGE.

Brilliant sunshine made the garden party enjoyable. The garden really was a garden, and, though most of the guests clustered on the lawn, one or two wisecracks sauntered round the rose-bordered paths.

Two of these were seated in a quiet part of the garden enjoying the scent of the flowers and the solitude. They were engaged. Presently a mutual friend sauntered down the path and noticed them.

"You two seem to be enjoying your selves over here all alone," said he.

"We are," said the girl, and, being a girl, managed to look pleased to see him.

"Won't you tell us?"

"Sorry, I can't," answered the friend. "Not being a clerkman. But I'll go and find one if you say so!"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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